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"Battle Support"

KODIAK'S CORNER

Greetings!! This has been a busy week for the company. We had a host of VIP visits throughout the week. Comedian Drew Carey and his improv cast visited our base camps during the week. They put on a show for the troops and signed autographs. PV2 Denteclaw (SPO) had the opportunity to eat dinner with him and his cast. Also, the Under Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and congressional delegate Hobson paid us visit. CPL Moody (CMD GRP) ate dinner with the Under Secretary. SPC McVay (Motor Pool) and SPC Cole (A/Co) had the opportunity to eat dinner with the under secretary.

Our partnership with the Swedish Battalion has been going very well. Swedish soldiers have been visiting throughout the week. We sent PFC Mims (A/Co), PFC Thurston (A/Co), SPC Massalene (Motor Pool), and SPC Willis (Motor Pool) to Camp Victoria for a few days to visit their base camp.

We participated in the annual "Turkey Trot" 5K run on 27 NOV. CPL Moody finished 3rd in the men's division. PFC Ptolomy (C/Co) won 1st place in the women's division. SPC Gainsley (C/Co) finished 2nd and PFC Edwards (C/Co) finished 3rd in the women's division.

The Unit Ministry Team hosted a Prayer Breakfast on 27 NOV. CPL Moody and PFC Austin provided musical entertainment.

Congratulations to CPL Moody (CMD GRP) for winning Battalion Solider of the Year.

Congratulations to the following soldiers on their promotions: SPC Jason Moody

BRAVO BLADE

Greetings from the 'Vo. A splendid holiday week has come and gone. Thanksgiving was truly a day of giving here in Kosovo. We were all treated to a great MWR show when Drew Carey brought his improv group over and they did shows on all three base camps. Each Dining Facility really went overboard to try to one up each other. We all benefited from that. The food was plentiful and really good to boot. We actually got two Thanksgiving meals that day if we really wanted it. The noon meal was the full Thanksgiving spread with the fully decorated dining facility and then the evening meal was still serving the full spread but they offered other dishes in case you were full of turkey. Apparently they were trying to get rid of the leftovers so we wouldn't be eating turkey sandwiches for days. Although roast turkey did show back up last night.

There is a bazaar going on now that is offering different items from throughout Kosovo. I'm sure your spouses are out there looking for just the right Kosovo trinket to have around the house to remind you both of these six months. We're all thinking about you all during this holiday season. Take care.

Please send comments and suggestions of what you would like to see or hear about in the futu

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WHO'S LINE IS IT ANYWAY?

Camp Bondsteel was gripped with Drew Carey fever on Wednesday the 27th when Drew Carey and his crew of all star performers showed up to give a special thanksgiving day performance to the soldiers. He he is having a pre show dinner

THANKSGIVING DINNE

Thanksgiving away from home. We all can say we've done it now, but here on Camp Bondsteel the dining facility did its very best to make sure the soldiers had at least a taste of home. The command group was on hand to serve up

UNDERSECRETARY AT CBS

The Undersecretary of Defense, the Honorable Les Brownlee, visited CBS Thursday, and had dinner with some of the soldiers of the 201st. He told the soldiers he and the rest of the nation appreciate all of the sacrifices and hard work we are doing to keep the nation safe. Here he is

201ST/TMK BASKETBALL

The Battalion played basketball against the TMK on Wednesday, following our newest trend in sports partnership with the TMK. We use these opportunities to build trust and friendship with the local establishments so that we can build stronger relationships and trust in the future. It makes

LETTERS FROM KOSOVO

Every week the news letter staff will invite two soldiers to share a letter home with the Battalion and their family. It's a great way to share news and interests they have and let folks back home know that we are thinking of you and we miss you!

Hello to our families and friends in the 201st.
My name is SPC Rick Neblett, and I'm assigned to HHC/A Co 201st LTF. My current duties include being an orderly room clerk and Commander's driver. It is no secret that when duty calls, some, most, or all of us are required to answer. Our deployment to Kosovo is no different. The jobs may vary from soldier to soldier, but the success of our mission is contingent upon all of us completing our own individual missions. We have to be a team. We have to remain focused. And, we have to keep our heads in the game. The focus of our mission becomes a little more difficult during the holiday season being away from our loved ones, but with your continued support and

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Gary Darby

Hello to everyone back home in Vilseck. Everything here is starting to shape into place, we knew we would have some work to do getting the shops set up, but we are making changes to meet our ways of conducting mission. Every one here is doing fine except we all miss our families, other than that we are doing great. We've had unseasonably warm weather and we are enjoying it for as long as it lasts. If we don't stay on top of PT and watch our eating habits we will have to be rolled onto the plane when it comes time to depart. The 2-2 MST is moving their shops to a much bigger area near the 2-2 Infantry equipment. The building has more bay space, which will keep our soldiers out of the cold and make-work more comfortable for them. 2-63 MST is working in a small workspace due to the fact they share their bays with Brown & Root (civilians that conduct services on 2-63s equipment) and the units mechanics also. The Base shops have nice work areas and not much to complain about except a lot of walking on Bondsteel. We had a Turkey Trot on Sunday the 24th, it was a 5K run, it was a fun run that did not include Radar Hill, and we had terrific weather for it. Thursday the 28th of course is Thanksgiving and I'm sure the Dining Facility will have a nice lay